

# Designing Interactive Systems I

## Introduction to the Course

Prof. Dr. Jan Borchers  
Media Computing Group  
RWTH Aachen University

Winter term 2018/19

<http://hci.rwth-aachen.de/dis>



# Who am I?

- Studied CS at Karlsruhe (& Imperial)
  - Human-Computer Interaction
- PhD CS, TU Darmstadt (& Linz, Ulm)
  - Interaction with multimedia
  - HCI design patterns
- Assistant professor at Stanford & ETH Zurich
  - Interactive rooms
  - Ubicomp user interfaces
- Full professor at RWTH since Oct. 2003
  - Interaction with audio & video
  - Wearable & Tangible UIs, Personal Fabrication, IDEs,...



# Our Team



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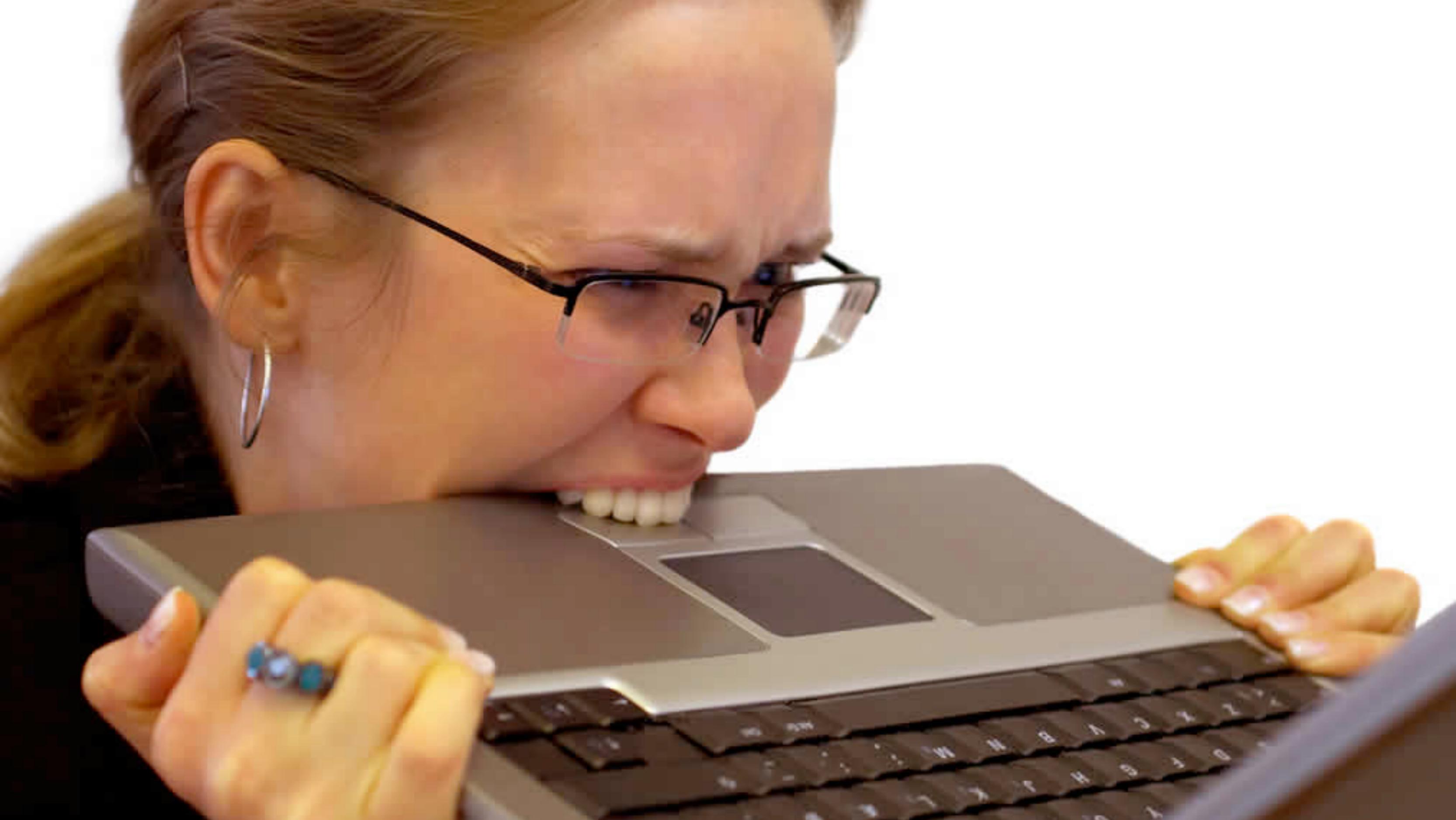
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# Human–Computer Interaction?









# Usability Sells!



350,000

DVD Player (1996)



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iPhone (1st Q'07)



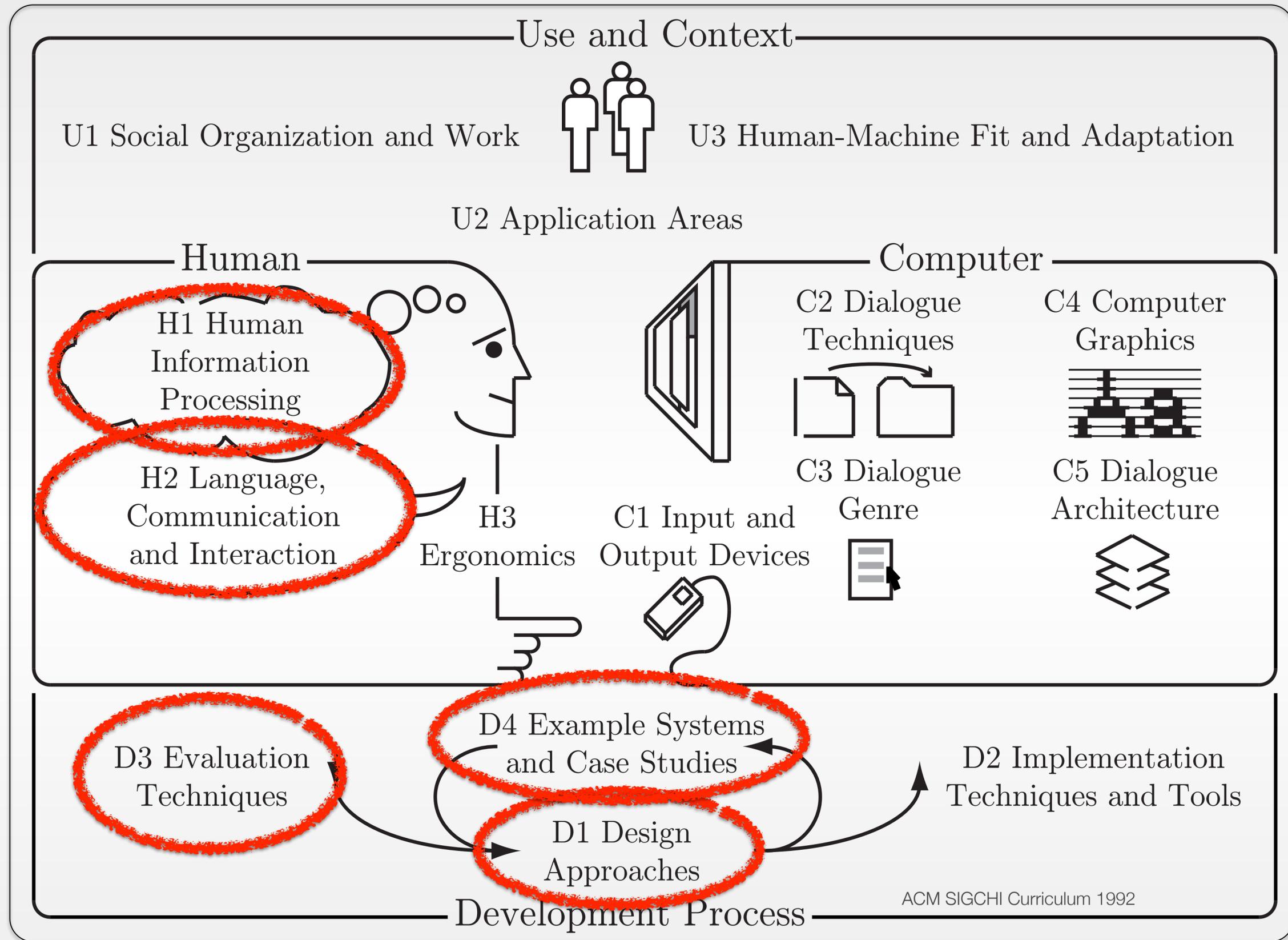
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iPad (1st 80d '10)

Source: CNBC



# What is HCI?



# Class Topics

## Human

- Performance
- Models of interaction
  - Affordances
  - Mappings
  - Constraints
  - Types of knowledge
  - Errors
- Design principles

## Case Studies

- History of HCI
- Visions
- Phases of Technology

## Development Process

- Iterative design
- User observation
- Ideation
- Prototyping
- User studies and evaluation
- Interaction design notation



# Schedule

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Date	Type	Content	Course Content for the Week (as Video and Slides)
10.10.18	Studio	Course Introduction Introduction to S01	S01 Fitts Law & CMN Model
15.10.18	Lab	S01 discussion; Introduction to S02 <b>Assignment 1: Fitts' Law out</b>	S02 Gestalt Laws, Information Content, Visibility, and Affordances
17.10.18	Studio	Students work on Assignment 1 in Studio	
22.10.18	Lab	S02 discussion; Introduction to S03 Assignment 1 discussion <b>Assignment 2: Gestalt Laws, Affordances, and Signifiers out</b>	S03 Mappings, Constraints, Seven Stages of Actions
24.10.18	Studio	Students work on Assignment 2 in Studio	
29.10.18	Lab	S03 discussion; Introduction to S04 Assignment 2 discussion <b>Assignment 3: Mappings, Constraints, and the Seven Stages of Action out</b>	S04 Knowledge in the World and Head, Mistakes and Slips.
31.10.18	Studio	Students work on Assignment 3 in Studio	
05.11.18	Lab	S04 discussion; Introduction to S05 Assignment 3 discussion <b>Assignment 4: Knowledge in the World and Head, Mistakes, and Slips out</b>	S05 History of HCI 1 S06 History of HCI 2
07.11.18	Studio	Students work on Assignment 4 in Studio	
12.11.18	Lab	S05 discussion; Introduction to S06 Assignment 4 discussion <b>Assignment 5: Evolution of Interaction Design out</b>	
14.11.18	Studio	Lecture: Typography by Prof. Borchers	
19.11.18	Lab	S06 discussion; Midterm exam preparation Assignment 5 discussion	
21.11.18	Studio	"Objectified" documentary	
26.11.18		(No Lab)	
28.11.18		<b>1st Chance Midterm Exam (S01–06, Typography)</b>	

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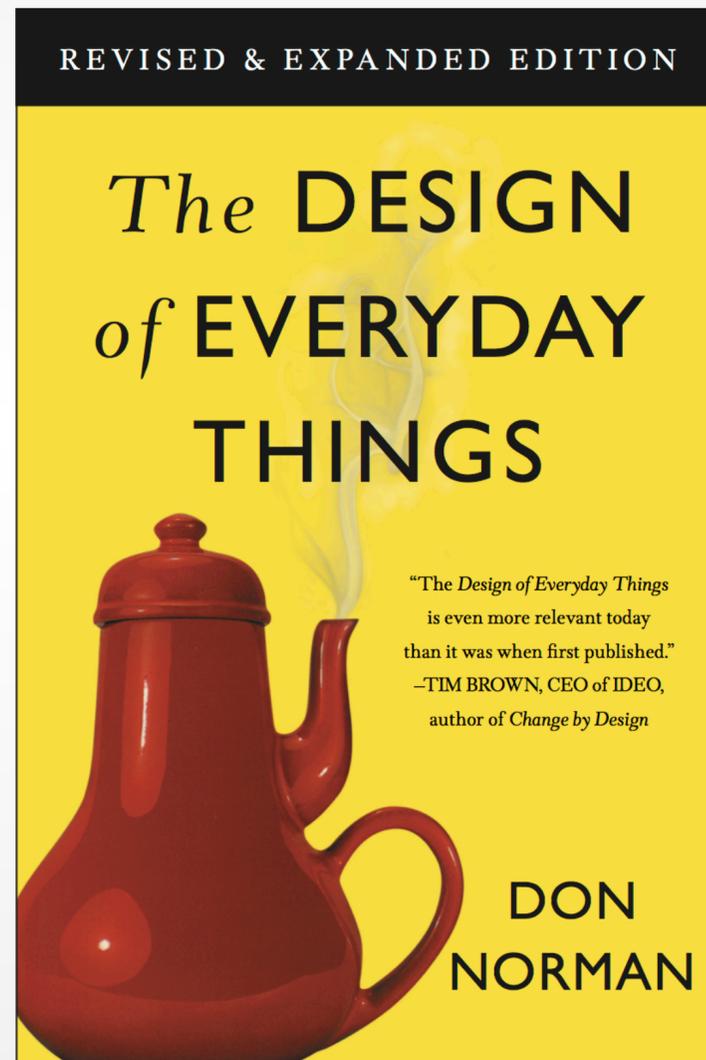
28.11.18	1st Chance Midterm Exam (S01–06, Typography)		
03.12.18	Lab	Midterm exam discussion; Introduction to S07 <b>Project Milestone #1: Problem Definition out</b>	S07 DIA Cycle, Observing Users, Brainstorming, and Storyboards
05.12.18	Studio	Work on project milestone #1 in Studio	
10.12.18	Lab	S07 discussion; Introduction to S08 <b>Project Milestone #2: Ideation - Phase I out</b>	S08 Prototyping
12.12.18	Studio	Work on project milestone #2 in Studio	
17.12.18	Lab	S08 discussion; Introduction to S09 <b>Project Milestone #3: Ideation - Phase II out</b>	S09 Evaluation
19.12.18	Studio	Work on project milestone #3 in Studio	
07.01.19	Lab	S09 discussion; Introduction to S10 <b>Project Milestone #4: Low-Fidelity Prototypes out</b>	S10 Responsiveness, GOMS Model, Interface Efficiency, and Golden Rules of Design
09.01.19	Studio	Work on project milestone #4 in Studio	
14.01.18	Lab	S10 discussion; Introduction to S11 <b>Project Milestone #5: Evaluation of Low-Fidelity Prototypes out</b>	S11 Notations I: Grammars and STNs
16.01.19	Studio	Work on project milestone #5 in Studio	
21.01.18	Lab	S11 discussion; Introduction to S12 <b>Project Milestone #6: Video Prototype and Presentation out</b>	S12 Notations II: Petri Nets, State Charts, and Design in Business
23.01.19	Studio	Work on project milestone #6 in Studio	
28.01.18	Lab	S12 discussion and final exam preparation	-
30.01.19	Project Presentations		
TBA	Final Exam (1st Chance)		
TBA	2nd Chance Exams (Midterm and Final)		

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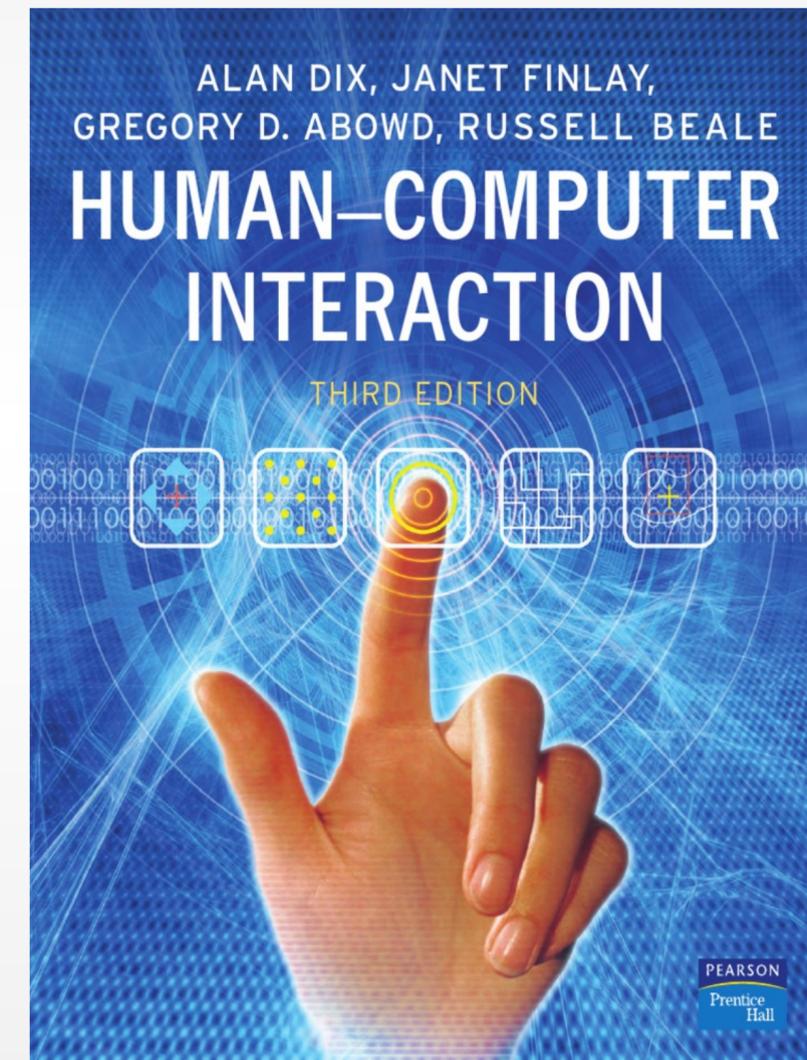
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# Textbooks

Required Read



Recommended Read



# Media Computing Group

# Our Classes



When?	Type	Credits (ECTS)	Name
★ <b>SS, WS</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>The Media Computing Project</b>
SS	S	4	Post-Desktop User Interfaces
SS	V/Ü	6	Current Topics in HCI
<b>WS</b>	<b>V/Ü</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>iOS Application Development</b>
SS	V/Ü	6	Designing Interactive Systems II
★ <b>WS</b>	<b>V/Ü</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Designing Interactive Systems I</b>
<b>Only for B.Sc. students</b>			
<b>WS</b>	<b>PS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Human-Computer Interaction</b>
SS	SW-Pr	7	M3: Multimodal Media Madness



# Course: iOS Application Development

- Dates
  - Tue., 10:30 – 11:45, Room 2222 (start: 09.10.) and Mon., 14:30 – 16:00, Room 2222 (start: 22.10.)
- 6 ECTS credits
- Lecture (5 weeks) + Seminar (4 weeks) + Project (6 weeks)
  - <http://hci.rwth-aachen.de/ios>
- Registration deadline: 23:59, **today!**



# iOS Application Development: Topics

- Mobile application design principles
- iOS development basics
- Swift 4
- View Controllers & Dialogs
- Input techniques
- Networking
- Multimedia
- Performance tweaking
- iPad programming



# PowerSocket

Smart Outlets

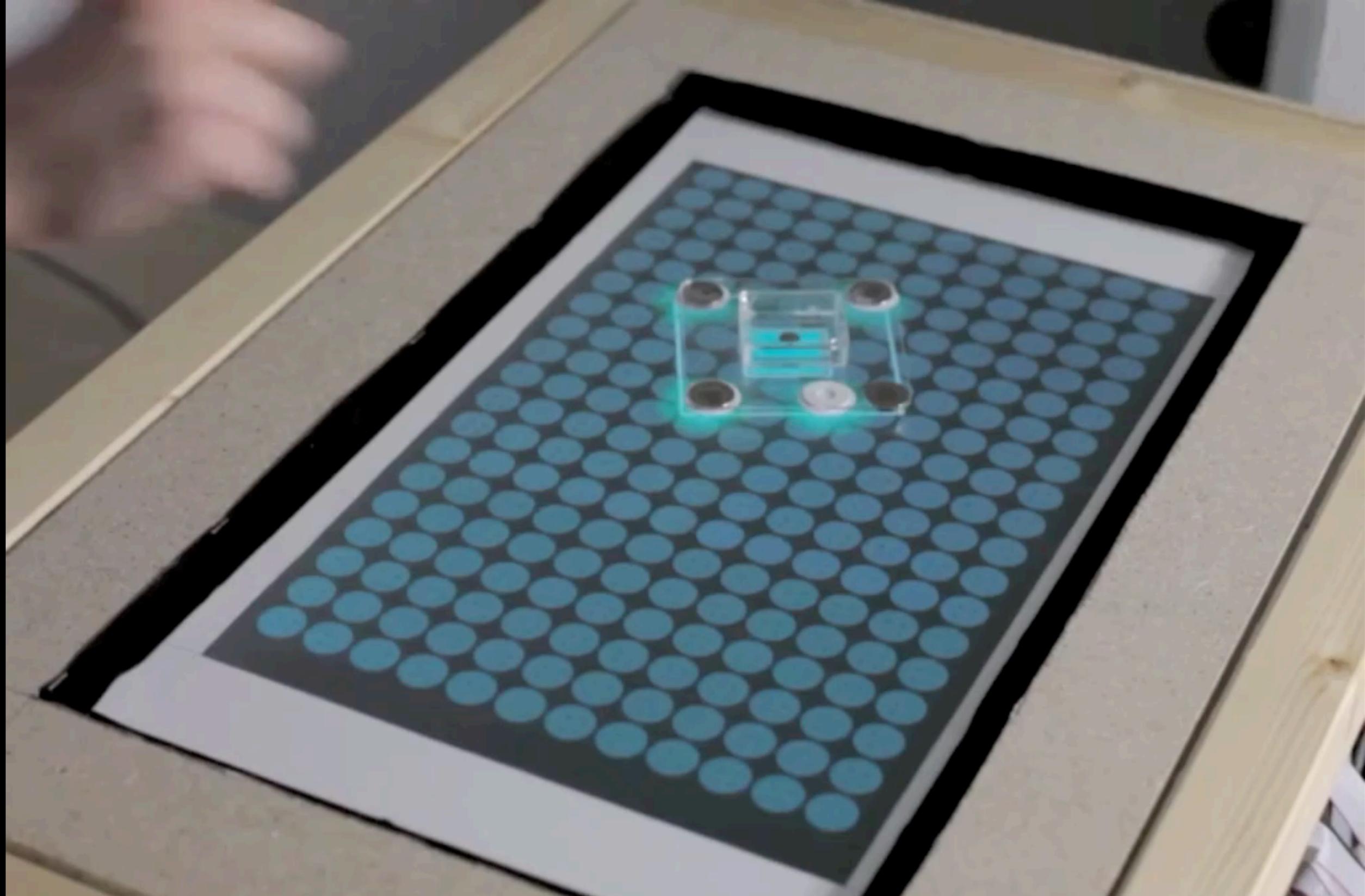


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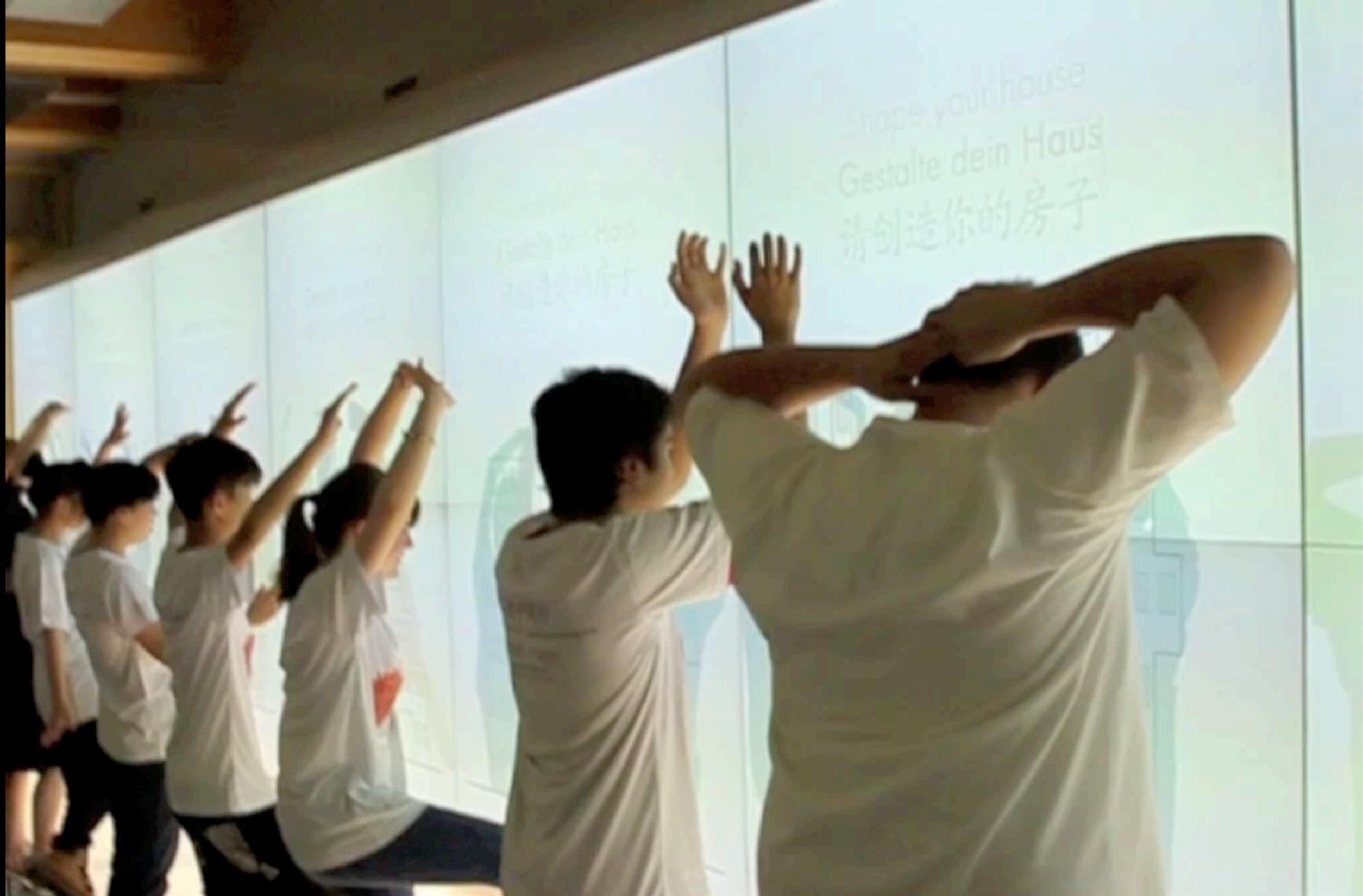
## Tabletop Tower Defense

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## Madgets

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**Silhouettes at EXPO 2010, Shanghai**

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The vest has a depth camera facing forward to record the area in front of the wearer.



640x480 Depth Image



Depth Sensor

**HaptiVest**

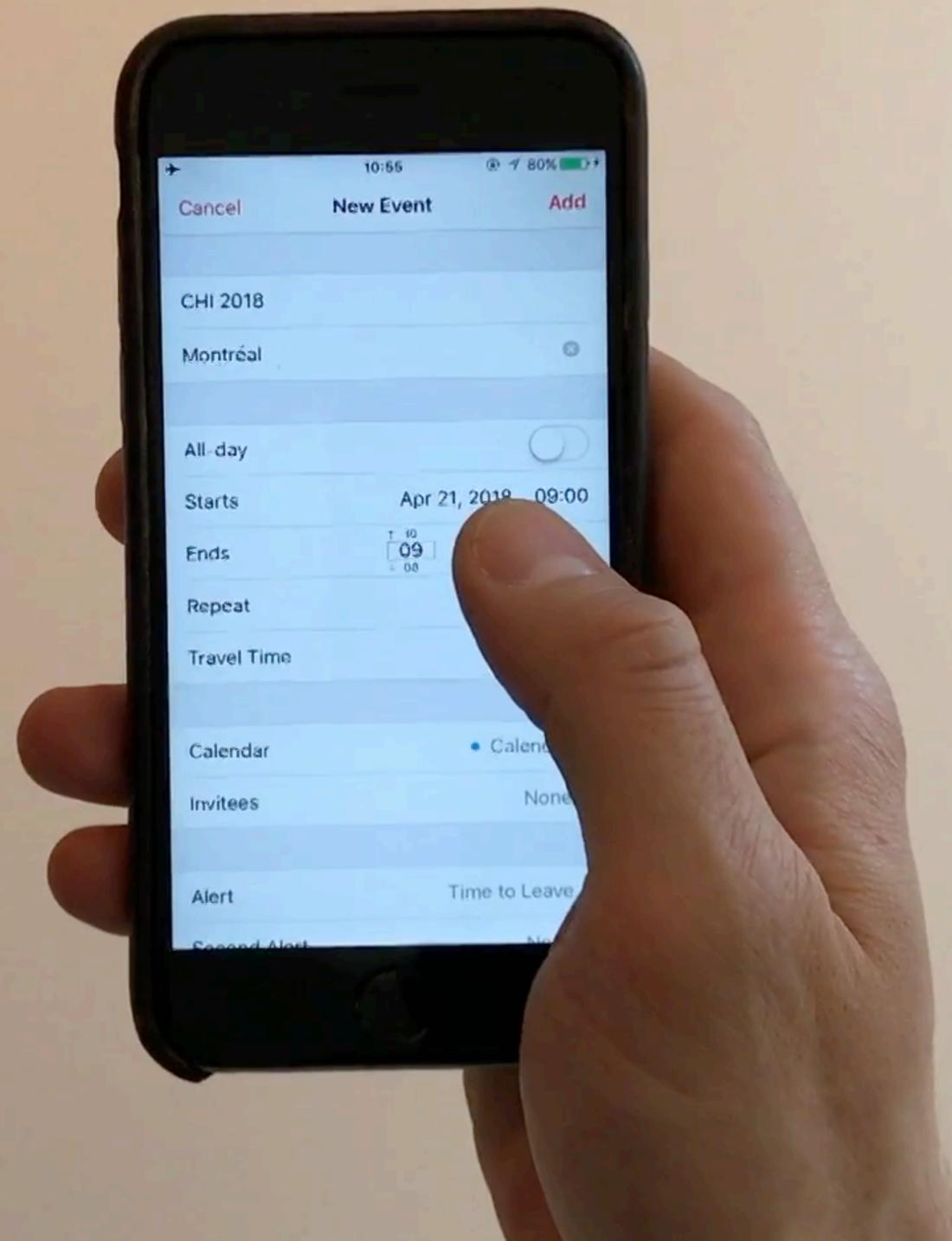
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# Add Circuitry Stickers



**Sketch&Stitch**

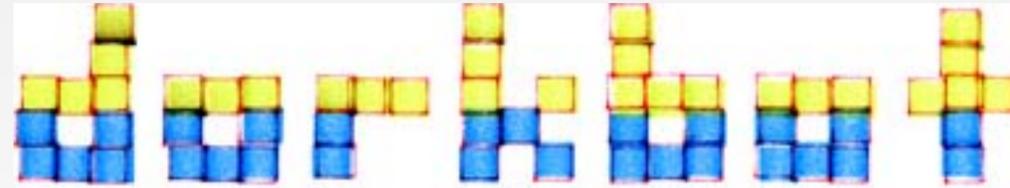
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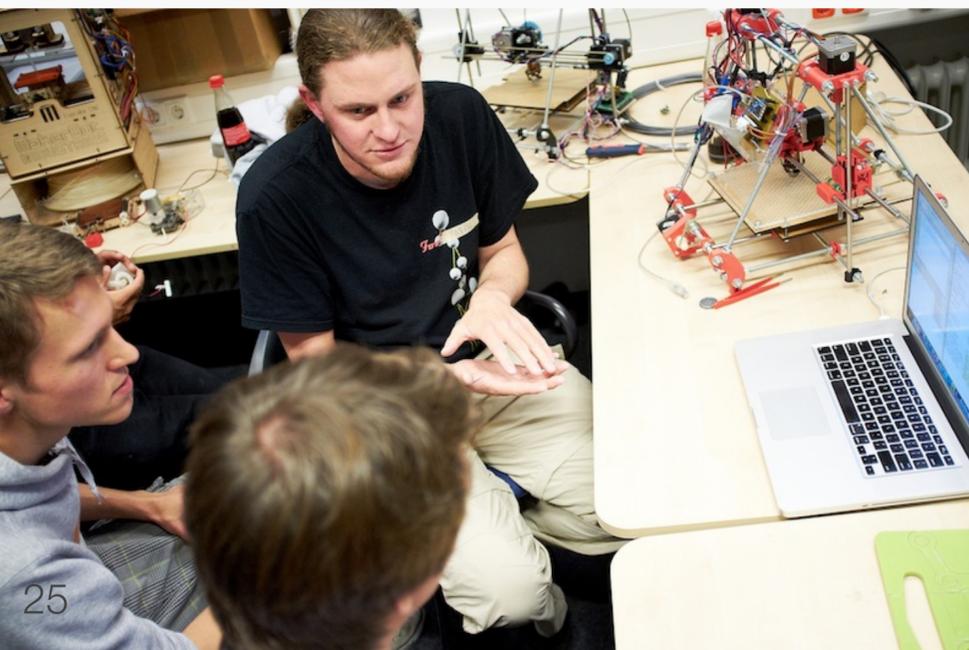
**ForcePicker**

<https://hci.rwth-aachen.de/forcepicker>

# Aachen Maker Meetup



- People doing strange things with electricity in Aachen
- Monthly, 3rd Wednesday of the month.  
Next meetup: Wednesday, **Oct. 17, 18:30** (Room 2222)
- <https://www.meetup.com/Aachen-Maker-Meetup/>



# CocoaHeads Aachen



- CocoaHeads: International meet-ups about Apple's Cocoa Framework for macOS and iOS
- Monthly, last Thursday of the month.  
Next event: **Oct. 25, 19:00** (Room 2222)
- <http://www.cocoaheads.de>



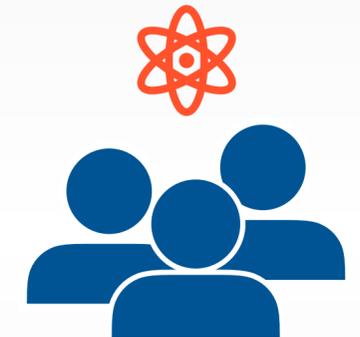
# DIS 1: Class Structure

# Flipped Classroom

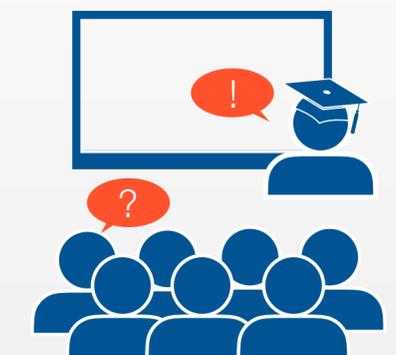
- At **Home**: Learn from videos with slides at your own pace (**2.5** h/wk), work on group assignments and project (**6** h/wk)
- In **Studio**: Work on group assignments and final project with one-on-one feedback (**1–2** h/wk)
  - Attendance in studios is **required** — make sure you do not take any other classes during this time (Wed. 10–12h).
- In **Lab**: Discuss solutions and new assignments, in-class exercises (**1.5** h/wk)



Studio



Lab



# Credits and Grading

- Group-oriented, project-centered
- **6** ECTS Credits
  - 20% assignments, 20% project
  - 25% midterm: **Nov. 28, 2018, 08:00–10:00** (for 60 minutes)
  - 35% final exam: **TBA** (for 60 minutes)
- To pass the course,
  - You need to pass the final exam (at least 4.0), **and**
  - Overall, you need an average grade of at least 4.0
- Further details in the lab starting on Monday, **Oct. 15, 2018** at **12:30** in **5053.2a/b**

# Registering for this Class

- Limited to **100 seats** (already 102 registrations)
  - Register via RWTHonline **by the end of tomorrow** (23:59h, Thursday)
  - We will announce who's in the next day (Friday) via email
  - DIS 1 mandatory students (e.g., TK) get priority, rest will be randomized
  - B.Sc. students can take this class as elective, or for their future M.Sc. (for M.Sc.? then don't register, send us an email!)
- SSE, Erasmus students and others who cannot register via RWTHonline: Email **Adrian** (wagner@cs.rwth-aachen.de) your matriculation number and full name from your official @rwth-aachen.de email-address



# Exam Registration

- No need to register for the midterm exam
- **No second chance midterm exam** unless you have a valid reason (usually requires a medical certificate)
- Deadline to register: **Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, 23:59** (for both final exams)
  - If you fail the first final exam, there will be a short period to register for the second chance
  - B.Sc. students: you won't be registered for the second final exam automatically!
  - You can register for just the second chance final directly (not recommended)

# In-Class Experiment 1: Eye Movement

- Work in pairs of 2
  - Read the paragraph handed out
  - Have your friend observe your eye movements while you're reading

Read the text on the next slide.

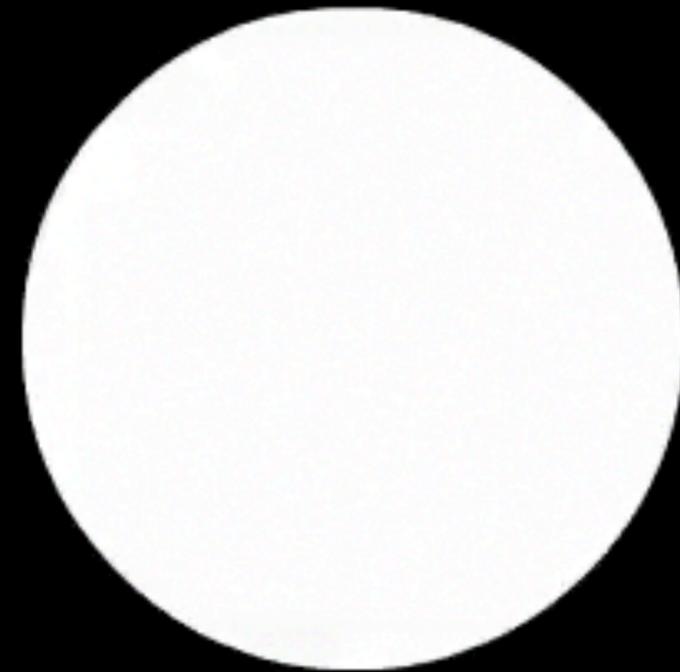
Afterwards you will be asked a question about the information in the text.

Press the SPACE bar once you have finished reading the text and are ready to answer the question.

Watch the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBTZNydUh0w>

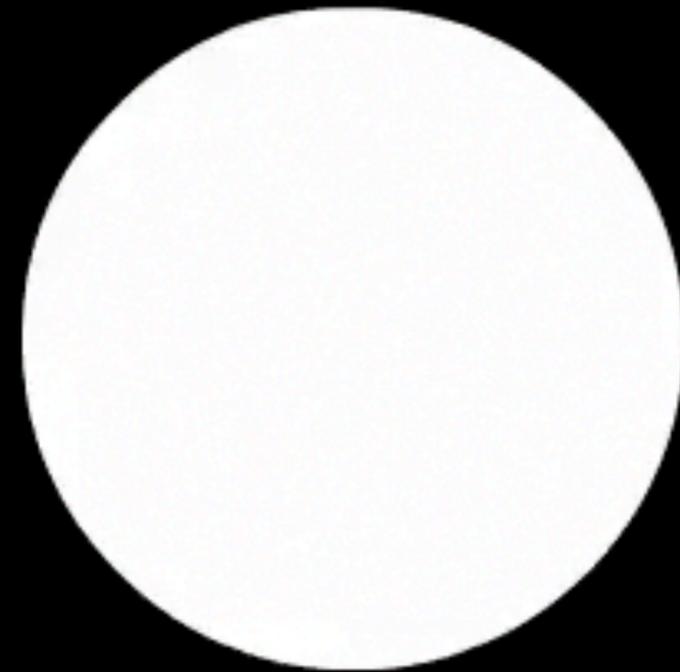
# In-Class Experiment 2: Bloch's Law

A: 0 ms delay



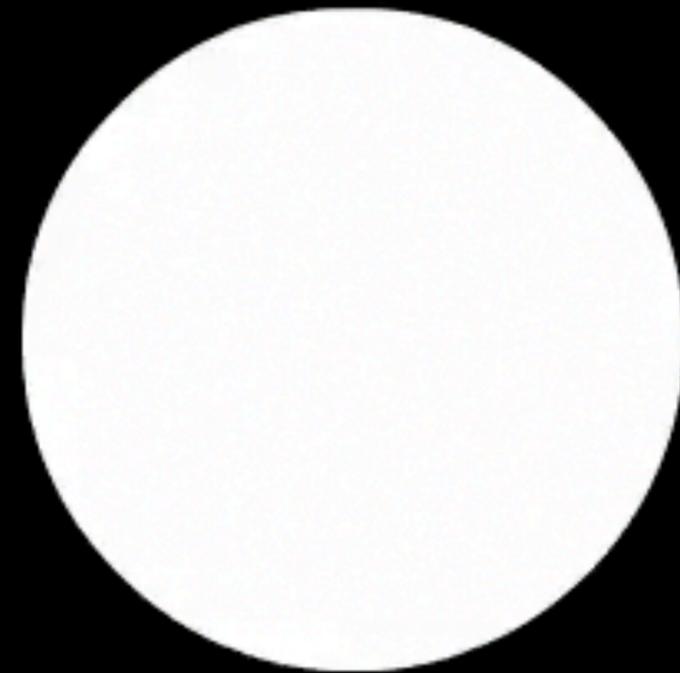
# In-Class Experiment 2: Bloch's Law

B: 50 ms delay



# In-Class Experiment 2: Bloch's Law

C: 100 ms delay



# In-Class Experiment 3: Memory

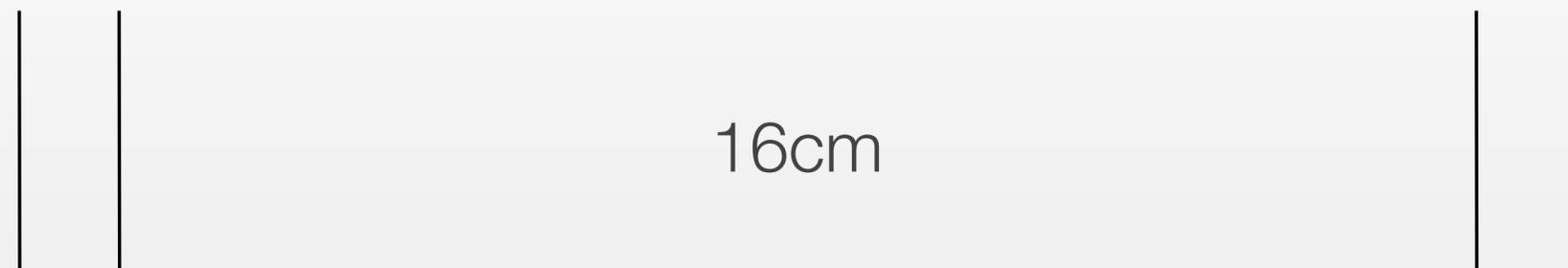
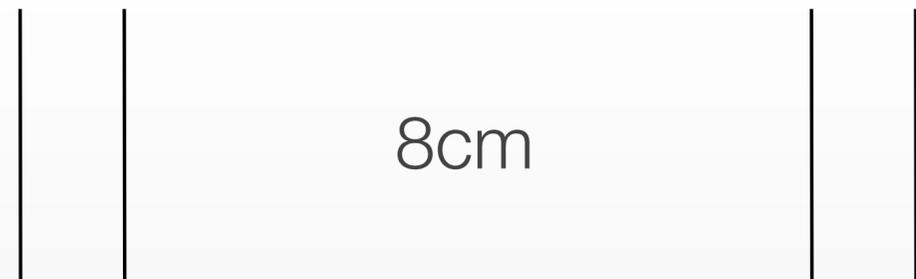
- Digit experiment
  - Choose 5 digits secretly from your sheet, then read them to your neighbor.
  - Have her count backwards aloud from 50.
  - Have her answer some other question (like what she had for dinner 3 days ago).
  - Does she still remember the entire 5-digit sequence correctly?
- Switch roles, repeat with 9 digits.
- Finally, switching roles again, read the long sequence of numbers to your neighbor, stopping somewhere suddenly. See how many of the last numbers she can repeat (in order) immediately.

# In-Class Experiment 4: Fitts' Law

1cm

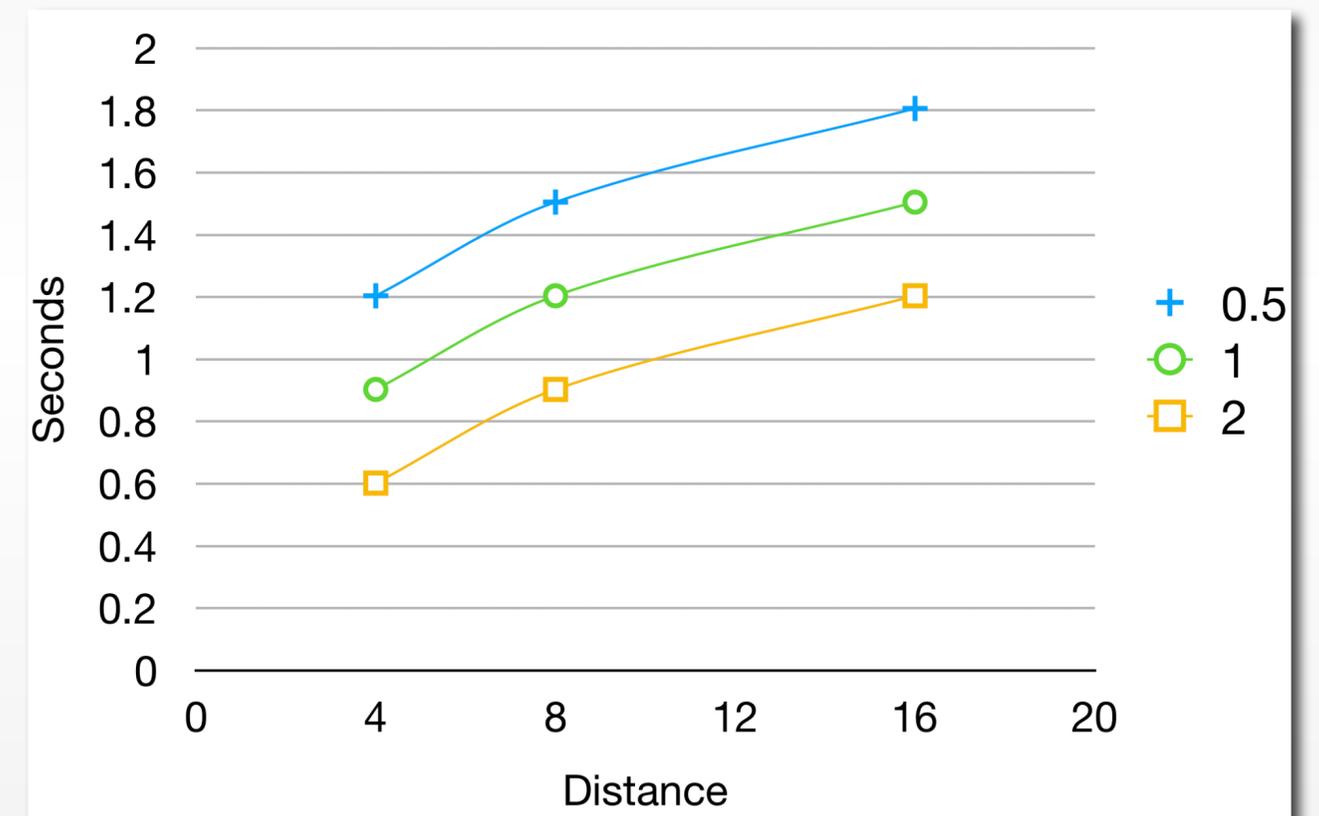


Same for 0.5 cm and 2 cm wide strips  
Tap for 10 s, count taps afterwards



# Tapping Task Results

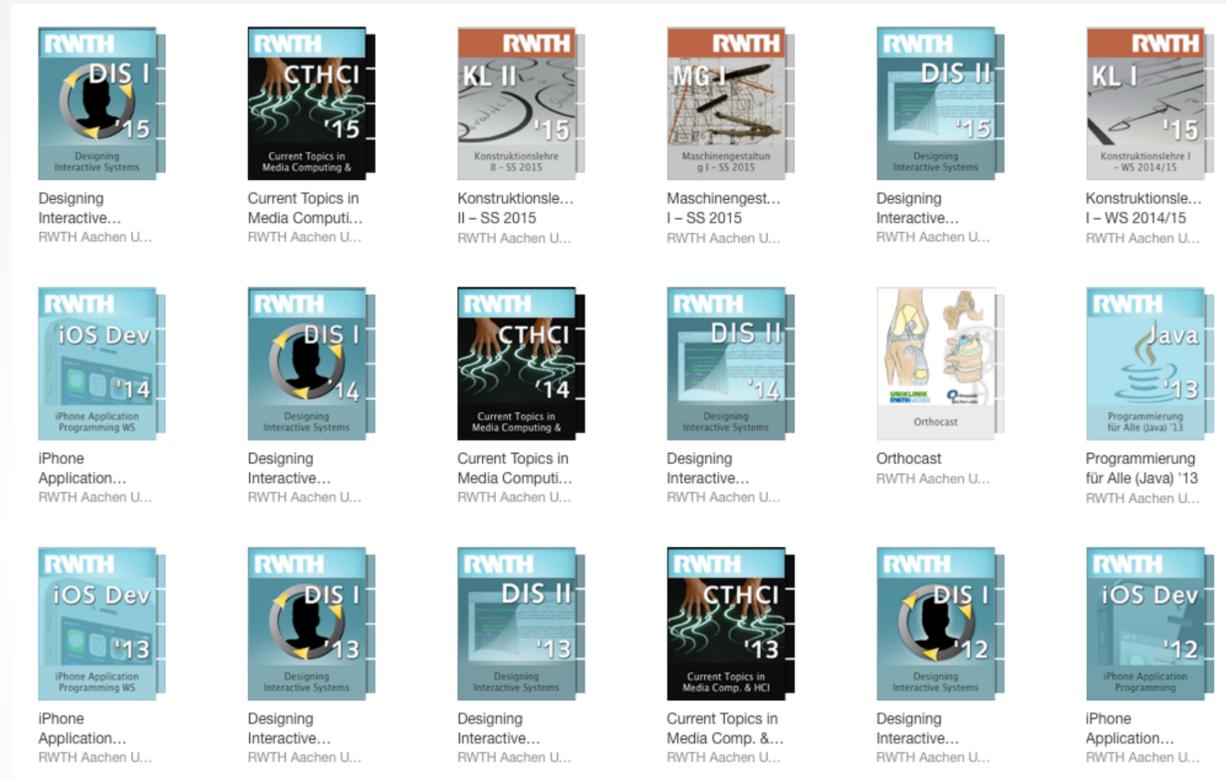
- Doubling the distance adds roughly a constant to execution time  
⇒ indicates logarithmic nature
- Doubling the target width (W) gives about same results as halving the distance (D)  
⇒ indicates connection of D/W in formula



# Summary

- HCI is about people, technology, and design.
- This class is your ticket to our other classes, cool thesis projects, and HiWi jobs.
- You've experienced that mathematical laws seem to govern your perception, memory, and movement—watch the videos for answers!

# Accessing Course Videos



▲	Name	Time	Released	Description	Popularity
1	S12 Notations Part 2	1 hr 31 min			██████████
2	S11 GOMS, Interface Efficiency and Notatio...	1 hr 59 min			██████████
3	S01 Introduction, CMN Model, Fitts's Law	1 hr 51 min		Introduction to the course, C... <i>i</i>	██████████
4	S02 Gestalt Laws, Visibility, Affordances	2 hr 19 min			██████████
5	S03 The Seven Stages of Action, Mappings, ...	1 hr 58 min			██████████
6	S04 Knowledge in the Word and in the head,...	2 hr 16 min			██████████
7	S05 History in HCI Part I	1 hr 31 min			██████████
8	S06 History in HCI Part II	1 hr 38 min			██████████
9	S07 DIA Cycle, Observing Users, Storyboards	2 hr 14 min			██████████
10	S08 Prototyping	1 hr 33 min			██████████
11	S09 Ten Golden Rules of Interface Design	2 hr 16 min			██████████
12	S10 Evaluation with and without Users	2 hr 7 min			██████████
13	Objectified	1 hr 3 min			██████████
Total: 13 Items					

Links to videos on iTunes U and Podcasts can be found on the course landing pages:

- <http://hci.rwth-aachen.de/dis>
- <http://hci.rwth-aachen.de/ios> (links will be added shortly)

# What to Do Now

- **By end of tomorrow, register** for the **course** on RWTHonline—selection results will be announced this Friday.
- Also check out other classes this week—please deregister if you’re not taking DIS 1!
- **Before coming to the Lab on Monday** (Oct. 15, 12:30-14:00, 5053.2a/b):
  - **Watch** videos for the first week (see the class landing page)
  - **Buy** Don Norman’s *The Design of Everyday Things* (2nd edition, 2013) **(required)**
- **Until next Friday** (Oct. 19):
  - **Read** Dix’ *Human-Computer Interaction*, ch. “The Human” (pp. 11–59)  
(PDF will be made available on L2P by this Friday)